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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
BERND WENDEROTH ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW US PCT APPLN :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP99/07899)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: PARAFFIN DISPERSANTS HAVING  
A LUBRICITY EFFECT FOR  
MINERAL OIL MIDDLE DISTILLATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3-11 and add the following claims:

12. (New) A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction product (a) is an amide, amidoammonium salt or ammonium salt in which no carboxyl group, one carboxyl group or a plurality of carboxyl groups is or are converted into amido groups.

13. (New) A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the secondary amine of the component (a) is of the formula  $\text{HNR}_2$ , where R is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_{10-30}$ -alkyl.

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